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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from IRMA!

IRMA wishes to share with you the launching of a 3 week Certificate Course on 'Decentralisation and Local Governance'. The course is scheduled between 7th and 25th November. The course is designed to facilitate learning on 'doing devolution for promoting local governance' consistent with the Constitutional provisions in this regard. Officers from departments of Panchayati Raj, Urban Development/ Municipalities, Finance, and Planning of the level of Deputy Secretary/ Joint Director and above would be the ideal participants for the course.

There is a country-wide consensus today regarding the critical role of localities in the lives and livelihoods of citizens in general and the disadvantaged sections in particular. Our research showed us the commitment of State Governments to move ahead with devolution to strengthen Panchayats and Urban Local Governments such that local governance approximates the Constitutional provisions. Further consultations with senior officials and academic/ training institutions suggested that the knowledge and competencies available to realise the respective state/ UT governments' visions of local governance varies widely. These together provided the rationale for creating a course for officials of state/ UT governments who are directly responsible for 'doing devolution to strengthen local governance'.

IRMA is happy to share that the Local Governance Initiative South Asia (LoGIn) of the Swiss Development Cooperation, Embassy of Switzerland, New Delhi has provided a generous grant for developing the course and its conduct in this, the pilot phase. They have also offered to facilitate learning from the international experiences in this regard in general and the Swiss experience of democratic local governance in particular. Thus, apart from knowledgeable and reputed resource persons drawn from within and outside IRMA, there will be guest speakers from the older democracies with a longer tradition of democratic local governance to provide cross-country experiences and insights during the course.

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You would be pleased to note that the course is being developed under the guidance of a panel of very senior civil service officials. Further the grant from the SDC-LoGIn makes it possible for us to offer fellowships to the participants nominated by your good offices to cover the entire cost as also to offer travel grants at economy class airfare.

In the coming weeks we will be mailing you a flyer which will provide the broad outline of the course and the resource persons who will be engaged in its conduct. You may kindly note that we have capacity to accept only about 20 participants while we are sending this invite to the four departments of all States and UTs. It would therefore be of interest for you to know that early action at your end in sending nominations to us would be most valuable. A preliminary nomination form is enclosed, should you wish to fill out and send to us at an early date.

Looking forward to receiving communications from your end,

With sincere regards

Debiprasad Mishra

Encl.: Nomination Form (copies could be made, if required).

Cc: Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries, Panchayati Raj, Urban Development, Planning, Finance and Training – all States and UTs.



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Certificate Course on Decentralisation and Local Governance

November 7 – 25, 2011

NOMINATION FORM

Name: _____

Current Position/
Designation: _____

Address

Telephone (O) _____ (M) _____

Email _____ (Fax) _____

The above named officer is being nominated for the Course. Please inform us at an early date if the nominee is admitted to the course.

Nominating Office

Name

Designation

Date

Signature